

Virtual Community Meetings averaged 12,000 participants and viewers, which is equivalent to 18 percent of Lake County's population. Through her work, local governments will now be able to increase community participation as already seen in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Ms. Huchingson has made a great impact on our community by serving in our government and has devoted countless hours during her 21-year career. Our community is better for all of Ms. Huchingson's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today as Lake County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR
RUSSELL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arthur Russell of Dearborn on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Russell was born in Texas but grew up in Plymouth, Michigan. During the Great Depression he became an avid small game hunter to help put food on his family's table. During prohibition, he helped his mother at her blind pig. He ended up leaving school after 11th grade and went to work on a milk truck and as a plumber's assistant. Seeing war on the horizon, he volunteered for the United States Marine Corps at age 20 in 1941.

He went to boot camp in San Diego, California and was first assigned to the armory there. He was then transferred to Jaques Farm and was assigned to train with the "D" Company of the Second Tank Battalion. He was integrated into the "B" Company and was deployed to New Zealand in the spring of 1943. After a few brief stops throughout the Pacific, the Second Marine Division assaulted Tarawa. This resulted in a 76-hour battle with the Japanese troops. His tank did not fare well on the atoll and was disabled by enemy fire. During combat, he was hit by sniper fire but was only nicked. Today, he proudly owns the rifle that the Japanese snipers used against him. He also participated in combat in the assaults on Saipan and Tinian. After being relieved of combat duty he was assigned to guard duty in Washington, D.C. where he was a guard for the Main Navy Building. He was then transferred to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina where he was discharged from in 1946.

In 1948 Mr. Russell married Patricia and together they had six children. He began working in the Forestry Division of the Wayne County Roads Commission, where he rose to be Head of the Forestry Division. A true patriot, when the Korean War broke out, he joined the Navy where he was sent to serve in Guam and was promoted the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arthur Russell on his 100th Birthday. He has honorably served this coun-

try through his exemplary military service. I join with Mr. Russell's family and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

LAILAH DOMINGUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lailah Dominguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lailah Dominguez is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lailah Dominguez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lailah Dominguez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF LISA KEEFER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lisa Keefer on receiving the Above and Beyond Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa is a Certified Nursing Assistant and an On-call Specialist at Myers Home Health Care. Despite incredible challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lisa stayed the course and provided excellent care to her patients. Every day, Lisa continues to go beyond the call of duty.

Lisa exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at Myers Home Health Care. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I am grateful for all of Lisa's work and dedication to our community.

HONORING LYDIA MONDAVI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lydia Mondavi, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Con-

gressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

The seeds that bloomed into Ms. Mondavi's community service lay nearly 240 years in the past. A member of the historic Rutledge family, who count among their members signers of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, she has always embodied her ancestors' spirit of civic dedication. As a businesswoman and as a philanthropist, she has made her family and our district proud through her selfless action on behalf of others.

In the early days of the corona virus pandemic, Ms. Mondavi employed this spark to ensure that all members of our community would have equitable access to COVID-19 testing services. Leveraging her healthcare and logistics experience as Chair of the Queen of the Valley Foundation Board of Trustees and owner of The Abernathy Group, Rutledge & Vine, and 29 Cosmetics, she united local and state governments, businesses, and non-profits to establish testing sites and deploy mobile testing teams. These sites have performed over 200,000 tests to date, including many for agricultural workers and other vulnerable populations. Now as doses of the vaccine become more available, she is again working with Core Response, Napa Valley Vintners and the Queen of the Valley Community Outreach program to launch an immunization clinic that will be online by the end of March.

Aside from her efforts during the recent pandemic, Ms. Mondavi has served our Napa community through her role as an Advisory Board Member of The What. Sharing her experiences as an accomplished businesswoman and owner of three companies, she works with the organization to foster an open forum for women to learn, network, and grow. Her dedicated service to this mission has no doubt helped many women become industry leaders in the Napa Valley.

Our community is immeasurably better for all of Lydia Mondavi's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Napa County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

HONORING GINGER BRADFORD

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ginger Bradford of Ripley County, Indiana.

Ginger served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Ripley County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

A dedicated public servant, Ginger currently serves Ripley County as county clerk. She is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community, often the first to volunteer her time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Ginger over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship.

I thank Ginger Bradford.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
FOR THE FUTURE ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to be joined by my colleagues on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Ranking Member FRANK LUCAS, and the Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman and Ranking Member, HALEY STEVENS and MICHAEL WALTZ, in introducing the National Science Foundation for the Future Act.

Established in 1950, the National Science Foundation (NSF) was born out of hard-earned lessons about the powerful role of science in securing an allied victory in World War II. Propelled by his wartime experience leading the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Vannevar Bush championed the creation of NSF and postwar federal support for science, making the argument that “advances in science when put to practical use mean more jobs, higher wages, shorter hours, more abundant crops, more leisure for recreation, for study, for learning how to live without the deadening drudgery which has been the burden of the common man for ages past. Advances in science will also bring higher standards of living, will lead to the prevention or cure of diseases, will promote conservation of our limited national resources, and will assure means of defense against aggression.”

That was a lofty vision. One, I am proud to say, the Foundation has largely lived up to throughout its existence. Over the past 70 years, NSF has played a critical role in supporting fundamental research, education, and infrastructure at colleges, universities, and other institutions throughout the country. NSF funding has enabled numerous breakthrough discoveries that have transformed the daily lives of the American people—from the internet, lithium batteries, and GPS to weather radar, MRI technology, and DNA analysis—just to name a few.

One of the aims of this bill is to empower the agency to do more of what it does best. Years of modest budget growth have resulted in low proposal success rates and stagnant grant sizes. Researchers and peer-reviewers alike are more conservative in this funding environment, feeling pressure to deliver results rather than take big risks. Researchers are also struggling to support graduate students and postdocs and are bogged down preparing multiple grant proposals to increase their chances of being funded. This is no way for the world's leading scientific enterprise to function. And if we continue on this path, we will cede our scientific leadership, and with it the advantages of developing new industries and setting the global norms for emerging technologies. This bill authorizes a significant increase in the agency's budget. Funding for the current portfolio of activities is increased by nearly \$2 billion in year one and grows at an average annual rate of 6 percent, setting the agency on a path to double its budget in 9 years.

This bill also pushes the Foundation to continue to evolve. While it is undeniable that the Foundation has a legacy of scientific achievements that have delivered enormous benefits

to society, it is important to acknowledge that those benefits have not always been widely shared. Some segments of the public have been left behind by the traditional approach to science and innovation. This bill promotes increased accountability to the public through improvements to the implementation of the Broader Impacts review criterion and a new requirement for researchers to describe the ethical and societal implications of their work. The bill also expands public access to data resulting from NSF-funded research and promotes increased vigilance against threats to research security and integrity.

The bill funds centers that will connect NSF STEM education innovations to school districts and teachers, so more students can benefit. It encourages universities to collaborate with the private sector to better align undergraduate STEM education with workforce needs. It raises the bar for mentoring and training of graduate students and postdocs and establishes a pilot program to strengthen the research capacity of emerging research institutions, including minority serving institutions.

Finally, this bill establishes a new directorate to promote a solutions-driven approach to research. A central goal of the Directorate for Science and Engineering Solutions (SES) is to be more strategic and inclusive in the nature of research collaborations, including by connecting researchers with potential users or beneficiaries of their research from the priority-setting stage through the translation of an innovation into practice. While industry has an important seat at this table, so do local governments and communities that might be affected by the research. The SES Directorate will enable the Foundation to take big risks and experiment with new approaches to accelerate use-inspired and translational research to address society's major challenges, including climate change and environmental sustainability, global competitiveness in critical technologies, cybersecurity, national security, STEM education and workforce, and social and economic inequality.

To fully realize the potential of science to benefit society, we must fund more research on the questions that matter to the American people. We also must ensure this research is, in the words of Vannevar Bush, “put to practical use.” Our competitiveness with China and other nations drives much of the national discourse around innovation because our economic and national security depend on our leadership in science and technology. However, competitiveness with China will not be possible if we do not unleash our nation's STEM talent on the full range challenges we face. Surely the COVID-19 pandemic has laid that bare for all of us. And the fact is, researchers and students are inspired by finding solutions, whether they be scientific or societal challenges. In this bill, we seek to inspire.

Over a year of bipartisan collaboration and numerous conversations with a wide range of stakeholders, thought leaders, and policy experts has resulted in the bill we are introducing today. I want to thank the many individuals who took the time to engage with Committee staff and share their perspectives. Their efforts have improved the bill immeasurably. This is a well-vetted bill, but it is by no means the final product. I am committed to a transparent and deliberative process for moving this bill forward. I look forward to continuing to engage with the stakeholder community and

with my Committee colleagues through hearings and a markup.

Finally, I want to thank Majority Leader SCHUMER for his leadership in championing an infusion of funding and a bold new vision for the future of NSF. While our approaches to establishing a new directorate differ, we share the same goal. We must dramatically accelerate progress in research and development in this country. I look forward to partnering with Senator SCHUMER and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in this effort.

HONORING WALLACE YAU KEE
CHANG

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Corporal Wallace Yau Kee Chang, one of the very few remaining Chinese-American veterans of World War II. In recognition of their service, these veterans were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2018—this body's highest honor. For his actions in Europe, Corporal Chang was also awarded the Bronze Star.

Just four days after Pearl Harbor, Corporal Chang started his military career as a Hawaii Territory Guard. In March 1945, he joined Army Company C in the 39th Regiment. While stationed in France and Germany, he took part in the central German campaign which led to the downfall of Hitler and the Nazi regime. After the war, he was appointed leader of the 39th Regimental band stationed in Rosenheim, Germany.

Corporal Chang is 98 years old and is a resident of Lumberton, North Carolina. I am very pleased to honor this great patriot and hope to call him a constituent for many more years to come. I thank Corporal Chang for his service to our country and to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY
PROCASSINI'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Procassini of Ann Arbor on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His contributions to our community and to our Nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Procassini was raised in New Jersey but first came to Michigan when he enrolled at the University of Michigan in 1939. Here he met his wife Dawn while working at a pharmacy and they wed in 1943. When the war broke out, he heeded the call from his nation and enlisted in the Marines. After attending boot camp in San Diego, California, he was assigned to the “I” Company, Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment. His unit fought in two of the bloodiest battles of the war, Peleliu and Okinawa, where many of his fellow soldiers lost their lives. He was wounded in battle in mid-June 1945 and after recovering, he toured with the First Marine Division that was tasked